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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN REPROCESSING PLANT

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1. UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM IS NOW PLANNING TO VISIT SOUTH  
ASIAN REGION BEGINNING JULY 9, WITH ARRIVAL IN ISLAMABAD  
JULY 15. WE ARE GRATEFUL THAT THE FRENCH HAVE MADE THE  
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DIFFICULT DECISION ON THE REPROCESSING PLANT AND THAT  
THEIR CURRENT INTENTION IS TO INFORM THE GOP BY JULY 10.  
IN VIEW OF UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM'S TRIP TO SOUTHERN  
ASIA, WE HOPE THAT THIS SCHEDULE CAN BE HELD TO, IF NOT  
ACCELERATED.

2. TO THIS END YOU SHOULD SEEK A MEETING AT AN APPRO-

PROPRIETARY HIGH LEVEL, AND USE THAT SAME MEETING TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY JACOMET WITH AMBASSADOR SMITH (REFTEL), DRAWING ON THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS:

-- UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM IS NOW FIRING UP PLANS TO VISIT ISLAMABAD, TEHRAN AND JIDDA, AMONG OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE REGION, BEGINNING JULY 9. HE HOPES TO BE IN ISLAMABAD JULY 15-16. WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE AN

EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE NEEDED REASSURANCES TO PAKISTAN OF OUR INTEREST IN ITS INTEGRITY AND SECURITY IN THE WAKE OF THE FRENCH DECISION ON THE REPROCESSING PLANT. THE UNDER SECRETARY WILL BE IN A POSITION TO STATE IN SPECIFIC TERMS WHAT WE ARE PREPARED TO DO TO HELP PAKISTAN. IN THE COURSE OF HIS TRIP, HE WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO ENCOURAGE SUPPORTIVE ACTIONS BY SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN.

--WE APPRECIATE THAT THE FRENCH HAVE MADE A DIFFICULT DECISION AND WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT IT IS THEIR CURRENT INTENTION TO INFORM THE GOP BY JULY 10. THIS WILL PERMIT THE UNDER SECRETARY TO BE OF MAXIMUM ASSISTANCE IN SUPPORT OF BOTH AMERICAN AND FRENCH OBJECTIVES.

-- WE HAVE ALREADY INSTRUCTED OUR EMBASSIES IN SAUDI ARABIA AND THE PERSIAN GULF TO SHARE OUR CONCERNS ABOUT AFGHAN DEVELOPMENTS, TO STRESS OUR SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL SECRET

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STABILITY, AND TO URGE A COMMON EFFORT TO SUPPORT PAKISTAN.

-- THE SAUDIS IN PARTICULAR ARE LIKELY TO BE MORE FORTH-COMING IF WE CAN TELL THEM THAT WE ARE WILLING AND ABLE TO RESUME OUR AID PROGRAMS. OTHER ARABIAN PENINSULA STATE CONTRIBUTIONS MAY DEPEND IN LARGE PART ON THE SAUDI ATTITUDE. ASSUMING THAT THE FRENCH HAVE INFORMED THE PAKISTANIS OF THEIR DECISION, SECRETARY NEWSOM WILL BE ABLE TO ENCOURAGE MORE SPECIFICALLY THE SAUDIS AND IRANIANS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE WHICH COULD BE AVAILABLE FOR CIVILIAN AND MILITARY EXPORTS FROM SOURCES INCLUDING FRANCE, DEPENDING, OF COURSE, ON PAKISTANI WISHES.

-- IT DOES NOT SEEM PRACTICABLE TO ASCERTAIN FROM THE SAUDIS THE DIMENSIONS OF POSSIBLE SUPPORT SINCE SAUDI OVERSEAS AID IS INCREASINGLY TIED TO SPECIFIC PROJECTS OR SALES WHICH THEY EXPECT TO BE CLEARLY DEFINED BY THE RECIPIENT NATION IN ADVANCE OF THE COMMITMENT. WE WOULD NOT PLAN TO DISCUSS SAUDI AID IN THE CONTEXT OF A PACKAGE CONDITIONAL ON FRENCH CANCELLATION OF THE REPROCESSING CONTRACT SINCE THE SAUDIS ARE NOT PARTICULARLY SYMPATHETIC

TO OUR NON-PROLIFERATION CONCERNS WITH RESPECT TO PAKISTAN.  
WE WOULD APPROACH THE SAUDIS ON THE BASIS OF OUR OWN  
WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT PAKISTAN IN THE WAKE OF RECENT  
EVENTS IN AFGHANISTAN.

-- WE ASSUME THE FRENCH NOW HAVE A READOUT FROM  
PONIATOWSKI'S VISIT TO TEHRAN AND IT WOULD BE HELPFUL  
TO NEWSOM IF PRIOR TO HIS DISCUSSION IN TEHRAN THE FRENCH  
COULD SHARE ANY APPROPRIATE INFORMATION WITH US.

-- WE ARE SYMPATHETIC WITH THE FRENCH CONCERNS AND  
RECOGNIZE THE PROBLEMS WHICH COULD ARISE FROM PAKISTANI  
DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE REPROCESSING PLANT. WE HOPE THE  
FRENCH AGREE THAT THE NEWSOM TRIP, IN THE IMMEDIATE WAKE  
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OF PAKISTAN LEARNING OF THE FRENCH DECISION, WILL HELP  
FOCUS THEIR ATTENTION ON THE ADVANTAGES OF CONTINUING  
COOPERATION WITH THE WEST.

3. (FYI: IN ANY DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC FRENCH ARMS SALES  
TO PAKISTAN, THE FRENCH SHOULD NOT BE LED TO BELIEVE  
THAT U.S. WOULD SUPPORT THE SALE OF MIRAGE F-1 TO  
PAKISTAN. END FYI)  
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